



Communications from central authorities regarding working and emergency measures as a result of the health crisis caused by COVID-19

Europe	
Country	Emergency Measures
Albania	<p>Information on how to proceed and the possibility of sending cooperation requests by email can be coordinated with the Albanian Central Authority. Email will be provided by the PC-OC Secretariat (DGI-PC-OC@coe.int), by SEEPAG Secretariat (secretariat@seepag.info) or by UNODC (email: luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Council of Europe and also by the South East European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG)</p>
Andorra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email to: cooperacio_internacional_mji@govern.ad • All outgoing requests will be sent electronically, only if necessary, paper documents will be sent. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p>
Armenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For MLA requests and extradition, made on the PRE-TRIAL stage of investigation, in case of difficulties with paper-based transmission, consultations must be conducted with the Prosecutor General Office, before submission of the Request. Email for consultations: info@prosecutor.am, international@prosecutor.am <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p>
Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email to: team.s@bmj.gv.at • Referring to extradition, surrender can be suspended due to limitations of mobility. Surrenders of persons to Austria are only possible if the person concerned has a medical certificate not older than four days showing a negative Covid-19-test. If escorting officers come to Austrian territory this requirement applies also to them. • Transfer of sentenced persons is suspended. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Azerbaijan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat (DGI-PC-OC@coe.int) or to the CASC Network Coordination Team/UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org ; maruf.khakimov@un.org). Information can also be provided by sending an email to: international@prosecutor.gov.az • Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons may be suspended



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Belgium	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA, extradition and transfer of prisoners requests may be sent by email to: centralauthority.iccm@just.fgov.be• If the authentication of the document is not guaranteed, the original being sent later by post may be requested.• All requests are dealt with by the Central authority as usual. Due to the current sanitary crisis, however only urgent and prior MLA requests are being effectively executed by the law enforcement authorities. Effective surrenders of person are suspended due to existing travel limitations and prohibitions.
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Croatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests can be sent by email to: europska.unija@pravosudje.hr <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA requests must be sent by email to: mot@msp.justice.cz (cases in trial stage) or mo@nsz.brn.justice.cz (cases in pre-trial stage)• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons are generally suspended
Finland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be scanned and sent by email to: central.authority@om.fi <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
France	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The requests can be sent by email to: liste.entraide.dacg-bepi@justice.gouv.fr .
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In urgent cases, mutual legal assistance requests, enforcement, confiscation of criminal assets, extradition (still not granted) and transfer of sentenced persons must be sent by email to: international@pog.gov.ge• Communications referring to surrender of sentenced persons (transfer previously accepted) or surrender of persons when the extradition has been previously granted must be sent by email. Email addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int or to the CASC Network Coordination Team/UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; maruf.khakimov@un.org).• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons to Georgia are suspended <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe and by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p>



Hungary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests can be sent by email. The email address will be provided by UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; or karen.kramer@un.org)• The execution of requests that require physical contact is suspended.
Italy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent in pdf format by email to: ufficio2.dgpenale.dag@giustizia.it
Latvia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA pre-trial requests must be sent by email in PDF format to: pasts@vp.gov.lv ; (State Police) and darbdep@lrp.gov.lv (Prosecutor General Office)• MLA related to trial stage must be sent by email in PDF format to: central.authority@tm.gov.lv (Ministry of Justice)• Processing of hardcopy requests received by post might be interrupted or delayed. Outgoing mutual legal assistance requests from Latvia will be sent electronically.• Extradition and transfer of sentenced persons to Latvia are generally suspended.• The execution of requests that require physical contact is equally suspended. In urgent cases solutions must be coordinated by email with Central Authorities mentioned above. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Luxembourg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA a copy of the request in urgent cases can be sent by email to: SecSepi@justice.etat.lu• The execution of transfers of sentenced persons will be, in principle, suspended but communications referring to the transfer of sentenced persons must be addressed to the following e-mail address: Pgexpg@justice.etat.lu
Moldova	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA and extradition requests must be sent by email to: mla@procuratura.md or fax to: + (373)22221335.• For issues on international legal cooperation the central authority can be contacted by emailing: int-coop@procuratura.md <p>*information provided by the South East European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG)</p>
Montenegro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All communications must be sent electronically, addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Netherlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to: airs@minjenv.nl• Referring to the conventions where diplomatic channels are required, the communication of the Central Authority of The Netherlands says: “We are of course aware that most MLA-treaties set requirements for communication by regular (diplomatic) mail. For the time being however, we will process incoming requests



	<p>communicated by electronic mail, while the original hard copy versions of these requests will be registered only after normal operations have resumed”.</p> <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
North Macedonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email. Addresses can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int• All surrenders are suspended. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA requests may be sent by e-mail to: postmottak@jd.dep.no ; the request must be forwarded by post as soon as the situation allows for it.• Extradition requests may be sent by e-mail to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, serviceavdelingen@mfa.no ; with a copy to the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security to postmottak@jd.dep.no ; the original request with enclosures must be forwarded by post as soon as the situation allows for it. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to: correiopgr@pgr.pt or mail@gddc.pt
Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by e-mail to: dreptinternational@just.ro <p>*information provided by the European Judicial Network</p>
Serbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to paper documents an electronic copy of an MLA request must be sent by email. In urgent cases the request can be sent exclusively by email.• The email address will be provided by SEEPAG Secretariat or by UNODC (email: luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org) <p>*information provided by the South East European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG)</p>
Slovenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to: gp.mp@gov.si• Surrenders are most likely suspended due to existing travel limitations and prohibitions. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
Spain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MLA requests in serious and urgent cases must be sent by electronic means to: rogatoriaspenal@mjusticia.es• Extradition Requests must be sent to: extradiciones@mjusticia.es. Outgoing requests from Spain will be sent electronically.• Urgent requests of transfer of sentenced persons based on humanitarian or other extraordinary matters will be processed provided they are sent to: sgcjitraslados@mjusticia.es



Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Switzerland has not adopted exceptional measures. Advanced copies of requests can be sent by email, affirming that a paper copy is to follow. Advance copies can be sent to: irh@bj.admin.ch
Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA and extradition requests can be sent by email. The email address can be obtained by sending a request to the PC-OC Secretariat: DGI-PC-OC@coe.int; communications referring to transfer of persons and enforcement of sentences can be sent by email to: itex@minjust.gov.ua ; communication for all general questions can be sent to: ilad@minjust.gov.uaThe requests received via e-mail in electronic form (the scanned copies) are processed, but their outcomes will be sent after receiving paper copiesDuring the health crisis, the letters of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine are signed with the qualified electronic signature, which, in accordance with the Law of UkraineThe factual surrender of persons in transfer and extradition procedures is suspended <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>
United Kingdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA and extradition requests must be sent by email to: UKCA-ILOR@homeoffice.gov.ukPrisoner Transfers have been suspended but prisoner transfer casework continues to take place. Communications must be sent by email to: Crossbordertransfers@justice.gov.ukFor HM Revenue & Customs Central Authority, requests must be submitted by email only (mla@hmrc.gov.uk). Colleagues who have sent requests by post are invited to resubmit them via email to avoid delay and we ask that the email makes clear that it is a resubmission. Where it is not possible to submit a request electronically please contact via the email address above to discuss.Requests to the Crown Office Scotland (Central Authority for Scotland in relation to all requests for mutual legal assistance/European Investigation Orders and requests for extradition/European Arrest Warrants) must be sent by email to: to COICU@copfs.gov.uk . Also, to receive an update on any outstanding requests, this email address must be used. <p>*information provided by the Council of Europe</p>



Africa	
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Algeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algeria has not adopted extraordinary measures but there are telephone numbers and fax available for coordination with the Central Authority of Algeria. The telephone and fax numbers will be provided by UNODC: carine.giraldou@un.org; luisfrancisco.dejorge@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org
Cape Verde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judicial cooperation requests can be sent by using ordinary means but it is also possible to send the requests by email to: autoridade.central@pgr.gov.cv There are also other email addresses available that will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org) <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>
Gambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All judicial cooperation requests must be sent by email. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org) All outgoing requests will be sent electronically, only if necessary, paper documents will be sent. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>
Guinea-Bissau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Even if officially Guinea-Bissau has not adopted exceptional measures, requests can be sent by email. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org). <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>
Mali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mali has not adopted exceptional measures, but requests can be sent by email to the <i>Directeur National des affaires Judiciaires et du Sceau</i>. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org) Paper documents should be sent later. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and</p>



	Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).
Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nigeria has not adopted exceptional measures, but requests can be sent by email to: cau.hagf@justice.gov.ng• Physical copies must be sent later via diplomatic channels <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>
Niger	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Niger has not adopted exceptional measures, but advanced copies can be sent by email or through INTERPOL. The email address will be provided by the WACAP Coordination Team/UNODC (karen.kramer@un.org ; coumbamathurin.diop@un.org ; or luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org) <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>
Senegal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senegal has not adopted exceptional measures, but requests can be sent by email to: dacgmj@justice.gouv.sn• It is also possible to send requests by any means capable of producing a written record <p>*information provided by the West African Network of Central Authorities and Prosecutors against Organized Crime (WACAP).</p>



America	
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Argentina	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Urgent international judicial cooperation requests can be transmitted by electronic means to cooperacionpenal@mrecic.gov.ar , copying aif@mrecic.gov.arIf an urgent request is sent by post it is recommended to send an email to: aif@mrecic.gov.ar <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p>
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA and extradition requests must be sent by email to: Cdncentralauthority@justice.gc.ca
Chile	<p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p>
Ecuador	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA requests must be sent by email to: cooperacion@fiscalia.gob.ec and asistenciaspenales@fiscalia.gob.ec; and it is recommended to send an email to the Director of Cooperation and International Affairs of the Prosecutor General Office. The email address will be provided by the Secretariat of IberRed (secretaria.general@iberred.org) or by UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorge@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org)Extradition requests must be sent by email. The email address will be provided by the Secretariat of IberRed (secretaria.general@iberred.org) or by UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorge@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org) <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p>
Uruguay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Urgent requests must be sent by email to: cooperacionpenal@mec.gub.uy <p>*information provided by IBER-Red, transmitted through Iber@</p>

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Central Asia	
Country	Emergency Measures
Kazakhstan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All MLA, extradition and transfer of sentenced persons requests must be sent in PDF by email to: icd@prokuror.kz ; 7172557@prokuror.kz ; 7172520@prokuror.kz ; and 7172993@prokuror.kz• Paper originals can be requested, if necessary.• The execution of extraditions and transfer of sentenced persons is suspended <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p>
Kyrgyz Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests on MLA and extradition must be sent to following e-mail addresses: gpo542790@gmail.com and to another email address that will be provided by the CASC Coordination Team / UNODC (luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org ; maruf.khakimov@un.org)• The extradition and transfer of convicted persons has been temporarily suspended. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p>
Uzbekistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requests must be sent by email to mpo@prokuratura.uz , or bys fax to (+99871) 233-48-35.• Sending and receiving post mail in our Uzbekistan is temporarily suspended. <p style="text-align: center;">*information provided by the Judicial Cooperation Network for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus (CASC Network)</p>

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East and Southeast Asia	
Country	Emergency Measures
China	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The central authority of China has not taken special measures regarding receiving foreign requests. However, due to current global emergency, central authorities are strongly encouraged to send MLA requests by email, with scanned formal documents as attachments to: cnca@moj.gov.cn
Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA requests can be sent directly to the central authority if the requesting State has a bilateral agreement or MoU on MLA with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In this case, the requests must be sent to the Division against Transnational Crime, Myanmar Police Force by email: naypyitaw.ncb@gmail.comIn the case that there is not any bilateral agreement or MoU, MLA requests must be sent through diplomatic channels.
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All incoming MLA requests, where permissible, must be sent by email to AGC_CentralAuthority@agc.gov.sg.The email should be sent from a Central Authority's official email account (and not a public domain email such as gmail or yahoo). The Central Authority of Singapore is not able to respond to email sent from public domain email account.
Taiwan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In case of emergency, a request for mutual legal assistance can be scanned (into a pdf file, for example) and sent by e-mail to: mla-taiwan@mail.moj.gov.twFor regular cases, the request can be sent electronically from a foreign government to its embassy or representative office based in Taiwan. After receiving a Request, the above-mentioned embassy or representative office should print out the request and send it via the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Taiwan Ministry of Justice
Vietnam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MLA requests must be sent to: ngannk_v13@vks.gov.vn
Hong Kong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Extradition and MLA requests may be sent to: ild@doj.gov.hk



Middle East	
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Lebanon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extradition may not be possible due to the health crisis. In exceptional cases (e.g. terrorism) the surrender could be executed when the requesting State demands it. The persons sought for extradition will be released and prevented from travelling unless the requesting State demands not to release them due to the seriousness of the crime.• MLA requests should be submitted through the usual diplomatic channels. Due to the measures taken by the Lebanese authorities to fight against the spread of COVID-19, requests will be executed according to the country's available capabilities.• For information to coordinate with the Lebanese Central Authority, please contact UNODC for relevant email addresses: carine.giraldou@un.org; luisfrancisco.dejorgemesas@un.org; karen.kramer@un.org